

# Weary Wanderers let in equaliser

PLAYING their third match in four days Wycombe came away from Woking on Tuesday night with a well earned point after looking likely winners at one stage of the Berger Isthmian League encounter.

After holding an interval lead Wycombe came under severe pressure in the second half. Only the fine work of experienced defenders Keith Mead, Paul Birdseye and Alan Phillips in front of young reserve goalkeeper Chris Way kept the home team strikers at bay.

Woking, now unbeaten in the last ten games, had two former

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Loakes Park men in Derek Cotterell and Dave Alexander and it was 'Alex' who gave Wycombe all sorts of trouble with some sparkling runs.

Wycombe made a bright start and should have taken an early lead but Dylan Evans was too slow in accepting a good chance. Steve Hardwick headed Terry Scott's cross narrowly over the bar before at the other end Phillips, playing at left back for the injured Bobby Davies, headed off the line from Woking's coloured striker Eggie James.

Some attractive mid-field work was spoilt by the strikers at

each end being caught offside, but Mick Holfield managed a smart header which brought a good save from home goalkeeper Frank Parsons.

Eventually in the 37th minute Wycombe took the lead when Scott netted with what must have been his easiest goal of the season.

Chasing a long ball down the middle he was beaten to it by Parsons, but the goalkeeper's clearance rebounded from Scott and the promising youngster followed up to shoot into the empty net.

## No support

Wycombe's attacks decreased as the game progressed although Stewart Atkins and Scott worked hard upfront without getting the required support.

Way was well covered by his colleagues but did well at the expense of an injury to prevent James from scoring.

After Scott had headed weakly wide from Birdseye's cross Woking finally found the way through the well-organised Wycombe defence, when in the 78th minute Tony Field fired in a pass from James.

Just before the end Hardwick was booked for the fourth time this season, for bringing down James outside the area.

**WOKING:** F. Parsons; B. O'Sullivan, T. Martin, J. Love, M. Preston, D. Cotterell, D. Alexander, T. Field, J. Ritchie, A. Morton, E. James. Sub: I. Black (not used).

**WYCOMBE:** C. Way; P. Birdseye, A. Phillips, K. Mead, S. Hardwick, D. Evans, S. Atkins, M. Holfield, L. Reed, H. Kennedy, T. Scott. Sub: G. Toll (not used).

**Half-time:** 0-1. Scorers: Wycombe — Scott (37 mins); Woking — Field (78).

# Barking set to clinch title

**CHAMPIONS-elect** Barking could clinch the Isthmian League title for the first time in their history with a draw from Monday night's Premier Division match against Wycombe at Loakes Park.

At the time of writing Barking had just one point to clinch the championship, but should Enfield drop any points in their two matches against Woking prior to this game, then Barking would already be home and dry by the time they come to Wycombe.

The game should have been played tomorrow but because Barking have three members of the Isthmian League representative side to meet the Southern League at Maidstone on Sunday, the game has been put back two days.

Blues will be hoping to keep up their good record against Barking this season. They have already drawn at Barking in the league and of course defeated them in the first round of the F.A. Trophy.

As a result of games played this week, Kingstonian and Leytonstone will be relegated from the Premier Division, to be replaced by Harlow and Harrow Borough the two teams coming up from Division One. Maidenhead lost their chance of promotion with a defeat at Bishops Cleeve.

## BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE UP TO APRIL 25

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barking	40	27	8	5	87	48	89
Dulwich	40	21	13	6	89	38	76
Slough	41	20	12	9	59	41	72
Enfield	36	21	8	7	83	31	71
Dagenham	38	21	6	11	74	60	69
Wycombe	39	19	9	11	56	38	68
Croydon	40	18	9	13	57	45	63
Woking	38	16	13	9	73	53	61
Sutton	39	16	8	15	57	46	56
Hendon	40	14	14	12	47	44	56
Tooting	39	14	13	12	50	50	55
Leatherhead	39	15	9	15	50	40	54
Boreham W	40	13	10	17	48	63	49
Hitchin	40	12	11	17	56	65	47
Tilbury	40	12	11	17	57	73	47
Walthamstow	39	13	6	20	55	66	45
Hayes	41	9	17	15	45	58	44
Oxford	42	12	7	23	50	80	43
Carshalton	39	9	15	15	44	62	42
Staines	40	6	15	19	40	62	33
Leytonstone	42	8	7	27	36	75	31
Kingston	42	3	15	24	35	72	24